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House Resolution 527

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution, so as to allow any unreasonable portion of a

- 2 restrictive covenant in an employment agreement to be modified by a court without causing
- 3 the entire provision to be unlawful and void; to provide for the submission of this amendment
- 4 for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

- Article III, Section VI of the Constitution is amended by revising subsection (c) of
- 8 Paragraph V as follows:

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- 9 "(c) The General Assembly shall not have the power to authorize any contract or
- agreement which may have the effect of or which is intended to have the effect of defeating
- or lessening competition, or encouraging a monopoly, which are hereby declared to be
- unlawful and void. However, any unreasonable portion of a restrictive covenant in an
- employment agreement may be modified by a court without causing the entire provision
- to be unlawful and void."
- SECTION 2.
- 16 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
- 17 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
- 18 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:
- 19 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to allow courts to
- 20 () NO modify unreasonable portions of certain employment agreements?"
- 21 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
- 22 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
- 23 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
- become a part of the Constitution of this state.